

COUNTY SEAT NEWS.

Gas Company Files a Return With Auditor.

ITS PROPERTY VALUATION.

It Amounts to Over \$92,000 in Stark County—Mayor Robertson and the Slot Machines—Willison & Day File a Petition—The Habeas Corpus Case.

CANTON, May 26.—In accordance with section 2744 of the revised statutes of the state of Ohio, the East Ohio Gas Company has filed with Auditor Reed an itemized return of all the property of which it is possessed next preceding the second Monday in April, 1900. The return is signed by Theodore Towle, the New York agent of the company. The valuations are as follows: Bethlehem township, \$11,889; Perry township, \$20,285.80; Canton township, \$2,880; Canton city, \$36,234.90; Jackson township, \$13,837.50; Massillon, \$14,154.80; total valuation of property in Stark county, \$99,273.

Sheriff J. J. Zaiser this morning received a letter from Irving Woodworth, of Kent county, Mich., which told of the elopement of the Rev. Charles Smith and Miss Ola A. Terry, both of that county. Smith is a minister with a charge and is 43 years of age and married. Miss Terry is 23 years of age. The letter offers a reward of fifty dollars for information which will lead to the location of the pair, the return of the girl to her relatives and the arrest of the preacher.

The C. L. & W. railway company, as plaintiff in error, has begun suit against W. Brown, defendant in error, to reverse a judgment of \$68.66, awarded the defendant in error, against the plaintiff in error, in the court of B. R. Speaker, a justice of the peace in Sugar Creek township. The plaintiff in error alleges errors in the proceedings of the lower court and asks that the case be dismissed at the costs of the defendant in error. Willison & Day, of Massillon, represent the railway company.

Mayor Robertson has instituted another and what he terms a final crusade against the omnipresent nickel-in-the-slot machines. Instructions which he has issued to the police order the latter to see that the owners of all such machines turn them to the wall and to make arrests in case they attempt to place them in operation again in the future.

The final hearing of the habeas corpus proceedings whereby Attorney Moore, of Youngstown, seeks to prevent the delivery of Guy Hollinger to the West Virginia authorities, by whom he is wanted on a felony charge, was postponed from yesterday until this morning by Judge Aungst. Attorney Moore is assisted by Ralph Ambler, while R. H. Day is upholding the West Virginia side of the case unassisted. Mr. Day is in possession of the opinion of Attorney General Sheets on the case and cited it in the course of his remarks this morning. The opinion was favorable to Mr. Day's side of the case.

CANTON, May 25.—Auditor Reed has returned from Cleveland, where he attended a meeting of auditors of various Ohio counties, convened for the purpose of appraising railway properties. The appraisement for the C. L. & W. railway is as follows: Main track, per mile, \$6,500; side tracks, per mile, \$1,800; rolling stock, per mile, \$2,800; tools, per mile, \$210. The W. & L. E. was also appraised at this meeting, the figures being as follows: Main track, Toledo division, per mile, \$6,500; Cleveland division, per mile, \$5,000; side tracks, per mile, \$1,500; rolling stock, per mile, \$2,300; tools, per mile, \$100. The increase of appraisement in the property of the W. & L. E. over that of last year is a notable one, amounting to a total of about \$100,000 in Stark county. The increase in the rolling stock appraisement of this road alone is \$1,500 per mile. The main tracks of the Toledo and of the Cleveland divisions are appraised at \$520 and \$500 per mile higher, respectively. The increase in the C. L. & W. appraisement amounts to about \$500 per mile in excess of that of 1899. The increase in the appraisement of all finished roads in Stark county, in 1900, over the appraisement of 1899, will amount to about \$250,000, making a corresponding increase of almost \$5,000 in the taxes for the year.

Austin Frank has been appointed the administrator of the estate of Sylvester S. Konkel, of Jackson township. A petition for the sale of real estate has been filed in the estate of Andrew Bamberger, of Massillon. A petition to sell claims has been filed and granted in the estate of T. C. Putman, of Sugar Creek township. The second partial account has been filed in the estate of Eva Seifert, of Massillon. The final account has been filed in the estate of Melchior Seifert, of Perry township. The final account has been filed in the estate of T. C. Putman, of Sugar Creek township.

A marriage license has been granted to Valentine Wolf and Ada Johnson, of North Lawrence. CANTON, May 24.—Mrs. J. Shildt, who was shot Tuesday afternoon by a quarrelsome husband, who, after committing the deed inflicted a fatal wound upon him-

self, shows signs of improvement today, and physicians say that there is a strong probability that the bullet wound will not prove fatal, although her death from consumption will be a matter of but a very short time. Mrs. Shildt converses freely. She says that she left her husband at Uhrichsville, where they have a home, the deed of which is in her name, because he refused to provide proper medical attendance for her. She says that the shooting was the result of a quarrel over the custody of their two-year-old child, as was stated yesterday. She furthermore said that her husband had frequently threatened the life of herself and child. The Uhrichsville police claim to have a letter in their possession signed by Mrs. Shildt, and addressed to a man whose first name is Daniel, but whose last name is withheld, hinting that if he wanted to earn \$20, he should "do Shildt up right." Mrs. Shildt denies any knowledge of the letter. Funeral services were held over Shildt's body at 9 o'clock this morning from the home of his sister, Mrs. Charles Hardesty, in Hurford street.

TO REBUILD PLANT.

Farmers Company to Begin Work Soon.

FULL METALLIC CIRCUITS.

A. C. Morse, of Cleveland, Who Will Superintend the Reconstruction of the Lines, Arrives and Takes Hold of the Work—Will Cost About \$30,000.

A. C. Morse, of Cleveland, superintendent of construction for the United States Telephone Company, arrived in the city Thursday evening, and will remain here now until the rebuilding of the plant of the Farmers Telephone Company is completed, for which work several months will be required. Mr. Morse says that the mills are now producing the material needed in the reconstruction of the plant, and in three weeks he expects to begin work. At present he is preparing plans and consulting with the local officials as to the best point to commence operations.

Mr. Morse's estimate of the cost of the material is \$23,000. About \$6,000, he thinks, will be required for the labor. The entire system is to be rebuilt with copper wire. All the wire now in use is iron. The rebuilt portions of the plant will be put into use section by section. All parts of the old plant being kept in operation steadily until replaced by the new. Cable work will be used very extensively. About thirty men will be employed steadily while the work is in progress. All of the lines running to the roundabout towns are to be made full metallic circuits. Connections are to be made with many long distance lines of independent telephone companies.

Among the lines with which the company will connect are those of the United States Telephone Company, of Cleveland, of which H. A. Everett, the street railway magnate, is president. Mr. Morse says that it is the aim of the United States Company to extend its lines from coast to coast. He believes that the day will come when its operations will be as extensive as those of any other concern of the kind in the world.

AGAIN IN OPERATION.

A. Heiman & Brother Open Their Foundry in Another Location.

A. Heiman & Brother, whose South West street foundry and mining car works were almost destroyed by fire about four weeks ago, have secured the building formerly occupied by Roseman & Diehm, in North West street, and have their machinery in operation again. The quarters, however, are somewhat small, rendering it impossible to work a full force of men. If negotiations, which are now in progress, for the purchase of a strip of J. W. Shuster's North West street property come to aught, the firm will build an addition to the structure now occupied in the near future.

THE DISEASE DISAPPEARING.

No Longer Danger of a Smallpox Epidemic.

Jackson township breathes freely again. Dr. Brimire, of McDonaldsville, who was taken down with smallpox, a day or two after he declared that the disease was not in the neighborhood, is reported as much better, and at Marchand the quarantine has been lifted from the Kunkle residence. George Druckenbrot is still under quarantine at Berlin station, but his condition is not serious. It is believed that the worst is over.

Reunion Notice.

Relatives and friends will take notice that the S. W. Hart reunion will be held at Nimisilla Park, Canton, O., on Saturday, June 2, 1900. All are cordially invited to attend. By order of committee. Mrs. S. E. MATHIE, Secretary.

Cured a Running Sore.

"I had a bad running sore on my breast for over a year," says Henry H. Richards, of Wilseyville, N. Y., "and tried a great many remedies, but got no relief until I used Banner Salve. After using one-half box I was perfectly cured. I cannot recommend it too highly, and will never be without it in the house." Rider & Snyder.

A PATRON OF SPORT

Deforest Strong Dies in the Asylum.

FRIEND OF THE ATHLETE.

In Days Gone by, a Prominent Contractor, He Yet Found Time in Which to Encourage and Promote Athletics—Was Tommy Williams's Manager.

Deforest Strong, who, in his day, was one of the best known patrons of athletic sports of this section of the state, died at the state hospital on Thursday, of apoplexy. Mr. Strong was brought to the asylum from Akron two weeks ago. For two years he had suffered from strokes of apoplexy, that causing his death having been the third. He had not been strong mentally since the first attack. The body will be taken to Canal Fulton, the deceased's former home, on Saturday, and services will be held in the Methodist church at that place.

Mr. Strong was for a number of years the manager and associate of Tommy Williams, formerly of Canal Fulton, one of the fastest sprinters of his day. Together they traveled over many states, and everywhere the Lawrence township champion won. He owed much to the clever training and coaching of Mr. Strong. The latter also took a great interest in baseball and shooting. He was a fair shot himself, and belonged to several gun clubs.

Many of the Massillon mines still in operation were sunk by Mr. Strong, who made a specialty of that kind of work. For some years he was interested in several coal producing works. The deceased was 45 years old, and leaves a wife and one child. Previous to two years ago, Mr. Strong was a resident of Fulton, which had been his home for a great many years. He was well known in Massillon and in every other town in the Massillon coal district.

AMERICANS ALL RIGHT.

W. B. Humberger Talks of His Trip Abroad—The Paris Show.

William B. Humberger, talked interestingly to a representative of THE INDEPENDENT this morning about his recent visit to the Paris exposition, concerning the merits of which, in comparison with the World's Fair at Chicago, there has been so much adverse criticism. Mr. Humberger says that the Paris show is at present in such a condition of incompleteness that it is almost impossible to form an opinion of what it may be in the future, but that the site is undoubtedly inferior to that of the Chicago fair and that the arrangement of the buildings is rendered unsatisfactory from the fact that the Paris grounds are divided by a river. Inside the buildings, he says, all is confusion; debris left from the unpacking of exhibits clutters the floors; many of the exhibits themselves are still swathed in coverings and workmen are everywhere about. The attendance of visitors from all parts of the world is already large but not excessive and the crowds which fill the grounds on Sundays are distinctly Parisian. There can be no doubt, Mr. Humberger says, that the century display of French art is absolutely unique and is alone almost worth a visit to the exposition. Otherwise he thinks that Paris will have to acknowledge that her show does not yet equal her Chicago rival.

What interested Mr. Humberger most during his stay in Europe was the attitude of the people everywhere toward the Americans. "There is always a crowd around the American exhibits at the exposition," he says, "but there is always a crowd around everything American abroad. They think we are about right. There is, of course, just now a great deal of interest and curiosity felt as to what will be the attitude of our government toward various eastern questions and particularly toward the cause of the Boers and Britons. The anxiety of the English people on this last question can be imagined. One thing certain is that Europeans generally regard the United States as a powerful nation."

Mr. Humberger spent a week in Marseilles as the guest of the American consul, R. P. Skinner, formerly of this city, and the impression gained during this visit was that however engrossing may be the cares of an American citizen abroad, future reunions with friends beneath the Stars and Stripes is a subject which is always uppermost in their thoughts and conversation.

FUNERAL ON FRIDAY.

Body of William Culler Brought to the Home of His Son.

The body of the late William Culler, who was killed in runaway accident at Canton Tuesday, was taken to the home of his son, Charles Culler, just west of the city, and funeral services were held at the latter place on Friday morning at 8:30 o'clock. Mr. Culler was a widower, and was 63 years of age. He leaves five children, Adam, Charles and William Culler, all of whom live west of the city; Mrs. Mary Stoner, of Oden, and Mrs. Hester McFarren, of Elnora, Ind. The deceased was employed on the farm of Joseph Fry, southeast of Canton.

Champion Flour makes good bread.

MASSILLON CYCLISTS ENTERED

Messrs. Snyder, Mong and Boyd to Ride in Cleveland.

Clarence Snyder and George Mong, of this city, and James Boyd, of East Greenville, are entered in the Cleveland Cycling club's Memorial day races. Messrs. Snyder and Mong will ride in the five-mile handicap, and in the one mile open, while Mr. Boyd will participate in the road race. The three cyclists gave an excellent account of themselves in last summer's road races in this city, and the friends who expect to accompany them to Cleveland are confident that some of the prizes offered will be landed by members of the trio.

"RUNAWAY JACK."

Sobriquet Earned by Hospital Patient.

STRANGE CASE OF KELLY.

He Refuses Protection From the Sun, and Yet Complains of Burns and Blisters—The Baseball Players Having Good Sport—General Grading to be Commenced.

John Lacey, a state hospital patient, has earned for himself the sobriquet of "Runaway Jack." He is a colored man, very strong and willing to work, and he insists on being allowed to exercise his muscles with the grading gang. Thrice this year he has hied himself away, only to be overtaken and returned to the institution each time. His last escape was on Thursday. He was caught between this city and North Lawrence. Lacey's home is in Alliance, and he said he was going there when taken in charge, though he was headed in the opposite direction. He is the man that gave Officer Ertle an exciting chase for three miles along the Pennsylvania railway tracks a few weeks ago. Lacey is an easy man to track if he follows the wagon road, and he is easy to overtake. Though fleet of foot, he cannot make fast progress. Every little while, no matter how hard he may be trying to escape, something in his disordered brain impels him to retrace his steps for a considerable distance and cover the same ground twice. Therefore, in spite of his natural inclination, he is not a success as a runaway.

John Kelly, a patient who works in the fields, has presented the hospital authorities with an extraordinary problem. He demands the right to labor, and wants to be where the sun is the hottest. He insists on wearing a shirt with an open back, and though the heat has blistered the skin and he complains bitterly of the pain, he will neither accept protection nor remain indoors.

Two hospital baseball teams are playing on the institution's grounds this afternoon. The patients participate in and enjoy the sport.

Gardener Heines planted the last of his 23 acres of potatoes yesterday. He has also set out 2,000 tomato plants, and is preparing ground for 6,000 more.

Work on a new tunnel from the power house to the infirmary will be commenced on Monday or Tuesday. The excavating will be done by patients working under the direction of Engineer Haerlin. The tunnel now in use is not large enough. The tunnel to the new cottages is almost completed.

The old soldiers among the patients are taking a deep interest in the arrangements for the memorial service to be held at the chapel tomorrow. They will attend the exercises in a body.

On next Monday the general grading of the grounds will be commenced with a full force. Engineer Haerlin has given the laborers stakes, and the work will be taken up where it was left off last fall. Grading at the superintendent's residence is practically completed.

Electrician Frank Edelman has returned from Mansfield, where he spent his vacation of two weeks.

Superintendent Eymann, Mrs. Eymann and Miss Eymann are expected home this evening. They have been in Washington and Richmond, Va., for two weeks past. Dr. Eymann attended the national convention of the American Psychological Society at the latter place.

Crop Reports.

This week's report from the United States weather bureau shows that moderate rain in the south and western portion of the state has been beneficial, but that pastures are short with poor prospects for hay. Oats, potatoes, and garden growing slowly; tobacco plants looking well, setting begun; corn planting mostly done in south, is well under way in north, and is germinating well; fruit prospects continue good; wheat reports more unfavorable, fly working in most south western counties, is spreading and doing great damage.

The easiest and most effective method of purifying the blood and invigorating the system is to take DeWitt's Little Early Risers, the famous little pills for cleaning the liver and bowels. Rider & Snyder and C. W. Cupples, 139 West Tremont street.

THE SCHOOL BOARD.

A \$3,000 Sixty Day Loan is Authorized.

ARCHITECTS ON HAND.

They Seek to Impart, but are the Recipients of Information—President Corns's Committee Appointments—A Picture Taking Question.

The board of education lacked the presence of Mr. Corns to make up a full attendance at its Friday evening meeting. Clerk Humberger had completed the reading of the minutes, when Architect Hammond, of Cleveland, arrived. Mr. Hammond had heard that the school board had in contemplation the erection of a new school building, and he carried with him specimen plans of structures suited for temples of wisdom, which he was willing to submit to members of the board, rendering any explanations that might be desired. Mr. Hammond, however, was informed that it might be almost a waste of time to enter into any explanations to the members of the board at present, as no action toward the erection of the building had yet been taken, and that although the grading of the Richville grounds on which it will be reared is completed, it was very doubtful whether construction work would be begun before next spring. With this information Mr. Hammond departed, with an invitation from the board to call when the status of affairs was somewhat more settled.

The question of effecting a loan of several thousand dollars until the board should receive its share of the tax collections, was brought up by Mr. Johns and discussed at some length. The sum was finally fixed at \$3,000 and the time at sixty days. The salaries of the teachers and janitors were ordered paid, in addition to other bills, among which latter was that of Koontz & Harmon, amounting to \$379.87, as the balance due on the grading of the Richville avenue school lot. Mr. Fox presented an application from George Kessel who desires the appointment as janitor of the East street school building. Mr. Kessel has been acting as substitute for some time. The application was placed on file.

Action on the resignation of President Corns as a member of the board, which was handed in last August, and whose acceptance was insisted upon by Mr. Corns, was deferred until the next meeting, pending a conference with Mr. Corns.

Architect Packard, of Columbus, arrived at this juncture. What he had to say was essentially the same that Mr. Hammond has preceded him with, and he received the same information, with the same invitation to call again. The board adjourned on the motion of Miss Folger.

President Corns sent his committee appointments to the meeting. They are as follows: Buildings, grounds, repairs, claims and janitors, Messrs. Johns and Humberger; teachers, salaries, text books and appointments, Mrs. Shoemaker, Miss Folger and Mr. Fox; supplies, printing and discipline, Messrs. Fox and Humberger. The committee on the appointment of teachers fixed upon Monday evening as the date of their first meeting.

After the adjournment the members of the board began inquiring among themselves as to who had given the party of eastern photographers, who have been taking pictures of the various school buildings and classes in the city, and have been selling the same to the pupils, the permission to do so, and where principals and teachers had obtained their instructions in the matter. As no one would venture the desired explanation the board had to content itself with a mere discussion. The body is opposed to the practice of allowing pictures to be taken of the schools or classes, on the ground that it not only interferes with work, but that children who are unable to secure one of the photographs would naturally feel badly on seeing one in the possession of a schoolmate. Furthermore, local photographers, in the opinion of the board, should be given the preference in such matters. The men had called on members of the board individually, but had received no permission.

HER CLOTHES CAUGHT FIRE.

A Seven-Year-Old Girl Painfully Burned on Friday Afternoon.

Cassie Ryan, the seven-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. P. Ryan, who reside in Superior street, in company with several other children was playing about a bon-fire at about 5 o'clock on Friday evening, when her dress caught fire. Her screams attracted the attention of Mrs. Biddle, a neighbor, who rushed to the child's assistance and tore the burning clothes from her body. The burns sustained, however, are very deep and severe, being confined to the back, the lower part of the body and the limbs. The child is resting as easily as can be expected today. Mrs. Biddle also sustained burns about the arms. Dr. T. J. Reed is in attendance.

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RAPIDLY ADVANCING.

Part of Roberts's Army Now Across the Vaal.

LONDON, May 26.—[By Associated Press]—Lord Roberts telegraphs the war department that the army is advancing rapidly toward the Vaal river. General Hamilton has effected a junction with the main column. The Boers have evacuated all their positions south of the Vaal river, and about 5,000 had already crossed to the north bank. Probably General French's cavalry was already reconnoitering the fords of the Vaal.

According to oral reports from people from the Transvaal, the Boers were quarreling among themselves. Transvaal paper money was circulating at 80 per cent. discount. Beckett's firm was giving £1 in gold for £5 in paper. Krouse and Klink, the engineers who opposed the blowing up of the mines, have been dismissed. Commandant Schuette has been appointed to defend Johannesburg, and all the British subjects had been turned out.

A late dispatch from Lord Roberts says a force has crossed the river and is now in Transvaal territory.

WASHINGTON NEWS.

The President and Party Will View the Eclipse at Sea.

WASHINGTON, May 26.—[By Associated Press]—The president and party left Washington this afternoon on the Dolphin for a trip to some point off Norfolk to view the eclipse on Monday. In the party were Secretary and Mrs. Root, Miss Root, Secretary and Mrs. Hay, General Russell Hastings and wife, Colonel Webb Hayes, Dr. Rixey and Secretary Cortelyou. They will return on Tuesday.

Senator Jones, of Arkansas, presented the credentials of Kansas-elect Blackburn, of Kentucky. They were placed on file without comment. The House adopted a resolution calling on the postmaster general for information regarding the Cuban postal frauds.

CORONER'S VERDICT.

CHILLICOTHE, O., May 26.—[By Associated Press]—The coroner finds Richard Gardner guilty of causing the death of thirteen-year-old Ethel Long, either by strangulation, a blow on the head, or cutting her throat. Judge Douglass has refused the demand of the special grand jury that Gardner be brought here for a preliminary hearing, owing to fear of mob violence. The prisoner is now in jail at Columbus.

POISONER INDICTED.

CINCINNATI, May 24.—[By Associated Press]—Fatha Gilliam, the girl who admitted she gave poison to the Winold children, and accused their father, C. O. Winold, of having hired her to poison his wife, was today indicted by the grand jury. No indictment was returned against Winold, who is now under bond, and he will be discharged.

PLAQUE IN MANILA.

MANILA, May 26.—[By Associated Press]—Four teamsters at the government corral are sick, it is feared with bubonic plague. The corral has been placed under strict quarantine, and every effort is being made to prevent the disease from spreading.

PEOPLE TESTIFY.

Reference That is Surely Worth Looking Up.

An Ohio Man Who Tells His Friends What Has Done Him Much Good.

We will tell you what will cure the worst kind of a backache caused from the kidneys. We will not only tell you but will refer you to people in all walks of life in the state of Ohio who have used Kid-ne-oids with the best results. Here is what Mr. Sheldon Westover, 424 West Market street, Tiffin, Ohio, has to say: "My kidneys have given me considerable trouble for several years. I suffered with a severe pain across the small of my back, and for the last few years I have had urinary disorder, the discharges were very frequent and painful; at the same time scant and of a very bad color and odor. My nerves became affected and I could not rest at night. I tried several different kinds of medicine, but nothing did me any good until I got Morrow's Kid-ne-oids. I had taken them a short time when I was relieved, the pain and scalding sensation has all disappeared and all evils have been corrected. Kid-ne-oids are certainly what everyone suffering from kidney disorder should take to get well." Morrow's Kid-ne-oids are not pills, but Yellow Tablets, and cure backache, nervousness and sleeplessness. They sell at fifty cents a box at all drug stores and at E. S. Craig's drug store. Mailed on receipt of price. Manufactured by John Morrow & Co., chemists, Springfield, O.

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MONDAY, MAY 28, 1900.

The people have been making money and saving it too. In 1869 the savings banks had 1,630,000 depositors, with total deposits of \$528,000,000. Today they have 5,687,000 depositors with deposits amounting to the colossal sum of \$2,230,000,000—an increase in thirty years of 327 per cent. These statistics are among the other arguments of prosperity and progress to be faced during the coming campaign by Bryanistic calamity howlers.

The first voluntary surrender of an organized force of Filipinos which occurred at Tarlac this week is an event of the utmost significance. According to General McArthur's report this is the first instance of the surrender of an insurgent organization intact, and, coupled with the news received on Monday that five hundred Filipinos were routed by eighty Americans, furnishes conclusive evidence that the rebels are badly demoralized.

The territorial distribution of the illiterate population of the United States is a question of great interest which will be settled by the coming census. In 1890 the percentage of illiteracy in the North Atlantic states was 6.19, in the South Atlantic states 30.89, in the North Central states the rate was 5.70, in the South Central group 29.73. It remains to be seen whether this material progress has resulted in a higher state of education; whether the benefits of progress have been shared by the masses or have been secured mainly by the richer classes.

In his weekly financial review Henry Clews says that the prospect of an early end of the Transvaal war is among the strongest bull factors of the moment, and advises continued conservatism in the attitude of Americans toward the belligerents. "Whatever criticism we may wish to make regarding British policy in South Africa," he says, "it cannot be overlooked that her success stands for advancing civilization; and the least we can do for our best friend and best customer is to control our emotions and maintain an attitude of friendly neutrality until this unfortunate struggle is brought to a finish."

The decision of the Methodist conference that hereafter preachers of that denomination are to remain with a church as long as it is mutually agreeable cannot fail to be a source of gratification in Massillon. It is probable that in no other city has the existence of the Methodist rule regarding the time limit for preachers been more deeply regretted upon different occasions when the various pastors, who have invariably attained a high degree of popularity both in and outside of their congregations, have been forced to leave this for other fields of labor. As long as the decision regarding the time limit rests with Massillon, the pastor of the First M. E. church will remain with his present congregation.

News that the Democratic convention of Kansas has just reaffirmed the principles of the Chicago platform comes simultaneously with the announcement that from one small Kansas township five farmers have gone to the Paris exposition and taken their families along. Had the policies advocated by the Chicago platform been in operation since 1896 it is unlikely that Kansas farmers would have money enough to afford such luxuries as trips to Europe. It is to be hoped that the thrifty tillers of the soil who are now enjoying the results of four years of Republican prosperity will be inspired with sufficient gratitude to regret that their absence will slightly reduce the Kansas farmer vote for McKinley next November.

The Ashland minister who has refused to allow the Anti-Saloon League to use his church because he believes the organization has become political and an opponent to the Republican party, is receiving deserved commendation from all sides. Not only has the league become political in its character, but it has not hesitated to stoop to use means for the furtherance of its cause which all but the lowest kind of political schemers would repudiate. The employment of boys and young men to enter saloons and low dives to obtain evidence against the proprietors of such places is one of the league's reprehensible methods. Better the existence of the saloon and the continued drunkenness of the habitual tippler, than the demoralization sure to be wrought in the lives and characters of those hired to play the dishonorable parts of saversdroppers and spies.

In a speech in congress in 1893, Bryan said that "without silver the sum of metallic money would remain stationary, if not actually decreased from year to year; and this in spite of increasing population." When Bryan delivered that speech in the House in 1893, the total volume of currency in circulation in the United States was \$1,602,521,806 of which \$519,285,960 was in gold. On April 1, 1900, the aggregate of money in circulation was \$2,021,274,506, including gold \$785,845,549. Instead of remaining stationary, as the apostle of free silver said it would, the currency has increased \$418,752,700, and the gold in circulation has increased \$108,559,589. This is only one of the many Bryanic statements which have been disproved by time.

The Boer envoys are just beginning to appreciate the fact that they have been brought to the United States largely through the influence of misguided politicians in this country who have held out the false hope that the most reliable and conservative element among the people was in favor of intervention in the British-Boer war. The visitors are already becoming less cordial to the politicians, who have since their arrival been at their bedroom door and done all but put them to bed at night, and it is probable that their interviews with the President and Secretary Hay have convinced them that national sympathy with their cause cannot go to lengths which would only subject this government to humiliation, without hope of accomplishing the end desired.

The speech which Senator Chauncey M. Depew made over the long distance on Wednesday night from his Washington residence to the banquet hall of the Transportation club in New York, lost none of its spiciness along the line of its two-hundred mile trip. A tribute paid to the big army of railroad men is worth repeating:

"The finest exhibition in the world of industrial life is the million of employees upon the rolls of the railroads of the United States. They present the picture and practice of intelligent industry, of public spirit, of skilled labor in the service of the public, of public contributions to good citizenship and the general welfare, which has come to be appreciated by their fellow citizens. The railroad man can be as good a soldier and as faithful and valuable an official of the state or government as the professional man, the farmer or the worker in any other pursuit. Let us honor our profession; let us demand that it be accorded the honors and the privileges which are enjoyed by every other pursuit, let us stand together in the pride of the profession which makes our living and our careers."

While the efforts of the council's fire committee toward getting new ideas and investigating various kinds of apparatus with a view to improving the Massillon fire department are much to be commended, THE INDEPENDENT feels that it voices public sentiment when it urges the committee to come quickly to some decision regarding the establishment of protection for the east and west sides of the city, make its report to the council and leave the question of more elaborate improvements to be discussed later. What the property owners of Massillon want right away is the fitting up of the fourth ward and West Main street reel houses, horses furnished for the hose carts and salaried men stationed there. Even with its present efficient fire department Massillon is in hourly danger of being swept by a disastrous conflagration, and no more time should be lost in providing the additional facilities long since recommended to the council.

The endorsement of the national administration by the Manufacturers' club, of Philadelphia, is among other convincing proofs of the existence of hearty appreciation of the fact that present commercial prosperity is due to the wise and conservative policy of President McKinley among the people who are in the best position to feel and understand its effects. The final paragraph of the resolution which says that the financial policy of the nation has been settled upon a secure basis and that the menace of a false financial system has largely disappeared, contains a note of warning which is worth repeating:

"Populism and socialism, and all the other elements of discontent and disaster, are gathering their forces for an effort to establish themselves upon the ruin of our industrial civilization, so carefully and so painfully built up, and it concerns all citizens, and in particular the manufacturers and business men of this country, whose interests are so largely in the scale, to see to it that no indifference, no overconfidence, shall give the enemies of order and prosperity the opportunity to destroy the splendid edifice of national welfare which is the admiration of the world today."

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BAN ON AMUSEMENTS.

Attempt to Lighten Its Effect
In M. E. Church.

REMOVAL OF PENALTY FAVORED.

Majority Report in Favor of Changing the Paragraph From the Penal Code of the Discipline to the Chapter of Admonitions—Minority Report Made.

CHICAGO, May 26.—By Governor Pattison, at the M. E. general conference, presented the report of the organizing committee on state of the church, and before he had resumed his seat the fight over paragraph 248 of the book of discipline was fairly on. The debate on this subject continued until the hour of adjournment, and was expected to be renewed today.

The committee recommended that no action be taken in regard to licensing women as preachers, and this was approved by the conference.

The report recommended that the paragraph prohibiting amusements be taken from the penal code of the discipline and added to the chapter of admonitions.

The majority report, presented by Governor Pattison, contained the following:

A committee has carefully considered a large number of memorials from all parts of the country bearing specially upon paragraph 248 of the discipline and generally upon the relation of the church to certain forms of worldly amusements, we recommend:

First, that the following words be omitted from paragraph 248, beginning with the eighth line, namely, playing at games of chance, attending theaters, dancing, circuses, horse racing, attending parties, or patronizing dancing schools, and the words "and other" in the clause immediately following so that the paragraph, when amended, shall read:

Paragraph 24—In case of neglect of duties of any kind, imprudent conduct indulging in simulating or dissipated habits, or using intoxicating liquors as a beverage, signing petitions in favor of granting license for the sale of intoxicating liquor, becoming bondsmen for persons engaged in such traffic, renting property as a place in or on which to manufacture, or sell intoxicating liquors, taking such amusements as are obviously of misleading or questionable moral tendency, or disobedience to the order and discipline of the church.

First—Let private reproof be given by the pastor or leader, and if there be an acknowledgment of the fault and proper humiliation the person may be home with. On the second offense the pastor or leader may take one of two discreet members of the church. On a third offense let him be brought to trial, and if found guilty and there be no sign of real humiliation, he shall be expelled.

Second—Let the following be inserted as an additional section in chapter 3 of the discipline now called, Special Admonitions. Amusements—Our church has from the beginning of its history insisted that dancing, playing at games of chance, attending dances, theaters, horse races, circuses, dancing parties, or patronizing dancing schools, and other amusements which cannot be used in the name of the Lord Jesus, are perilous to the spiritual life and influence of the members of our church and enervating to the spiritual power of the church in the great work of saving souls. Such amusements are obviously of misleading or questionable moral tendency, or disobedience to the order and discipline of the church. The views of the conservative element were presented in the following minority report submitted by Dr. G. J. Howes, of Kentucky:

Resolved, That we have carefully considered memorials for and protests against legislation pertaining to paragraph 248 of the discipline, and recommend that no action be taken at this time.

Both reports were enthusiastically cheered. Previous to the above reports being heard and debated the result of the balloting for secretaries and assistant secretaries of the church was as follows: For secretaries, Dr. W. V. Kelley re-elected. For assistant secretaries, Dr. J. M. Buckley re-elected.

Church Extension society, Dr. W. A. Spencer re-elected; Dr. J. M. King, elected assistant secretary. Freedman's Aid society (two secretaries), Dr. M. C. B. Mason (colored) elected. Board of education, Dr. W. F. McDowell re-elected. Sunday School union and tract society, Dr. J. M. Buckley re-elected.

The conference failed to elect the second secretary for the Freedman's Aid and Southern Education society, assistant secretary of the Missionary society, on the first and second ballots, and a third ballot was taken, which will be announced today.

The result of the first ballot for editors of the official church papers was as follows: Methodist Review, Dr. W. V. Kelley re-elected. Christian Advocate, Dr. J. M. Buckley re-elected.

"Was Dr. Buckley elected?" asked a delegate, who, following the announcement of the vote on this editorship had died away.

"No, he was foreordained," replied Presiding Bishop Fowler, amid laughter.

Western Christian Advocate. No choice on first or second ballot.

Northwestern Christian Advocate, Dr. Arthur Edwards re-elected.

Central Christian Advocate, no choice on first or second ballot.

Pittsburgh Christian Advocate, Dr. C. W. Smith re-elected.

Southwestern Christian Advocate, Dr. I. P. Scott re-elected.

Pacific Christian Advocate, Dr. A. N. Fisher re-elected.

Christliche Apologete, Dr. A. J. Nast re-elected.

Haus Und Herd, Dr. F. Kunz re-elected.

Epworth, Dr. J. E. Berry re-elected.

The result of the third ballot for editors of the Western and Central Christian Advocates, it was expected, would be announced today.

U. P. ASSEMBLY.

A Plan to Give Ministers Employment and Keep Churches Supplied Referred to a Committee.

CHICAGO, May 26.—A plan by which congregations will be regularly supplied with ministers, and which will give steady employment to every minister, was presented to the general assembly of the United Presbyterian church at the session. It was referred to a committee.

The plan provides that all churches and preachers within the jurisdiction of a synod shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the synod; that the ministers shall be appointed to the churches and retired for age or any other cause by the synod.

PENSION FOR MRS. FORCE.

One Voted by the House to the Ohio's Widow—Mrs. Gridley Also Pensioned.

WASHINGTON, May 26.—The house devoted some time to the continuation of consideration of the Alaskan civil service bill without completing it. Private pension bills were considered. Mr. Talbert (S. O.), who abandoned obtrusive tactics a few weeks ago, was again in evidence. After 190 bills had been favorably acted upon by the committee of the whole, Mr. Talbert blocked their passage in the house with the point of no quorum.

Among the bills favorably acted upon were the senate bills to pension the widow of the late Captain Gridley, who commanded the Olympia in the battle of Manila, at \$50 per month; the widow of the late Commodore R. W. Meade at \$40 per month, and the widow of the late General M. F. Force, of Ohio, at \$50 per month. General Force was the Republican candidate for governor of Ohio in 1873, when Allen was elected. Subsequently he was minister to France. Since his death Mrs. Force has fallen into destitute circumstances, and is now engaged in truck farming near Cincinnati.

EIGHT-HOUR WORK DAY.

Industrial Commission Favors One For Public Employees—Labor Legislation by States Recommended.

WASHINGTON, May 26.—The industrial commission, in its report to congress on labor legislation, recommends improved legislation to the state legislatures rather than to congress directly. As congress has no power to legislate directly in this matter the commission recommends that a simple statute be enacted by all the states regulating the length of the working day for all persons between the ages of 14 and 21 years, who work in factories. The length of the working day in all public employment should be fixed at eight hours. The same time should be fixed for workmen in underground mines, except in cases of emergency. Employment in mines of children under 14 years of age and all women and girls should be forbidden. Congress might well enact that no person under 18 should be employed as a telegraph operator upon railroads and that all engineers and switchmen should submit to an examination for color blindness; also that it be made a misdemeanor for an engineer or switchman to be intoxicated while on duty. A simple and liberal law regulating the payment of labor should be adopted by all the states, providing that all laborers shall be paid in cash orders without discount, not in goods or due bills, and that no compulsion, direct or indirect, should be used to make them purchase goods at any particular store. Provisions for the fair weighing of coal at mines before passing over a scale should be adopted, and the miners should have the privilege of employing a checkweighman at their own expense.

It is suggested that it might be well to limit punishment for contempt to imprisonment for a brief period, but equity courts must not be deprived of the power to protect themselves and to make their decrees respected. The practice of awarding blanket injunctions against all the world, or against unnamed defendants, as well as the practice of indirectly enforcing the contract for personal service by enjoining employers from quitting work, should be discouraged not only by legislation, but by intelligent judicial opinion.

On the subject of railway labor, the commission is of the opinion that congress should adopt a consistent code of law regulating all matters concerning employment, such as hours of labor, limitation of continuous runs by engineers or continuous service by telegraph operators or switchmen; the enactment of a consistent employers' liability code; the liability of the employer or corporation for defective appliances, etc.

The right to be employed and protected without belonging to a union should be preserved; but every facility should be given labor to organize if it desires, and the last vestige of the notion that trades unions are a criminal conspiracy should be swept away.

The use of private police, detectives or other hired bodies of men to be used in connection with labor troubles has aroused considerable attention, and congress probably has the power to enact reasonable legislation to prevent abuses in this direction.

In a general way the commission reports that conciliation laws have been found effective, but that strict arbitration machinery rarely works well. It is recommended that labor bureaus or commission be established in all the states.

Commissioners E. A. Smyth and C. J. Harris unite in a minority report in which they express the opinion that it would be impracticable and imprudent to attempt any uniform laws regulating labor in all the states, for labor and capital are to have their full development.

Commissioner John W. Daniel, in a separate minority report, concurs in the spirit of the views expressed by Commissioners Smyth and Harris.

EULOGIES ON ERMENROUT.

Pronounced in the Senate—Morgan Favors Keeping the Philippines, but Opposes Pending Bill.

WASHINGTON, May 26.—Discussion of the Spooner Philippine bill was continued in the senate by Mr. Morgan, of Alabama. On the general question of the ownership and government by the United States of the Philippine islands he was in accord with Senators Spooner and Lodge, but he regarded the pending bill as unwise and dangerous legislation, because of the great power it placed in the hands of the president. He was satisfied, however, that the measure would not be passed by this congress, and declared that it was being used as a foil to thrust aside the Nicaragua canal bill. Much of his speech was devoted to the canal bill and to denunciation of the efforts to prevent its enactment at this session.

The session closed with eulogies upon the late Representative Ermentrout, of Pennsylvania.

THE BAPTIST PUBLICATIONS.

Increase in Receipts, but Great Increase in Expenditures.

DETROIT, May 26.—The sessions of the Baptist missionary anniversaries were devoted wholly to the American Baptist Publication society. The aggregate of sales for the year is \$642,617, showing an increase of \$23,311 over the preceding year.

In the missionary department the receipts were \$108,418. The deficit in this department at the beginning of the year was \$3,114. At the close of the year it was \$11,000. This increase in the deficit is not due to a diminution of ordinary receipts, which were greater this year than last by \$2,943, but to enlargements in the work and to a falling off of legacies and special funds.

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CHAPTER I.

THE REQUEST OF THE COUNTESS.

Things were pretty stormy in the house that morning. There had been a small dance the night before. Uncle Gardner had been unpleasant enough over that. He always made it a point, to expatiate on the extravagance of Mrs. Rodney or the girls, as the case might be, when he was drawn on for money. Mr. Josiah Gardner had made a fortune and had ruined his temper doing it. He had had to put his nose to the grindstone for years, and now that he was relieved of that humiliating combination, he tried to even up things by subjecting others to a like harrowing conjunction.

They were all thoroughly tired of it, no one more so, however, than Florence Rodney. She was a little, pretty girl of 20, a graduate of Vassar and thoroughly up to date in athletics. It was a comfort to her to reflect that she lived in an age when women rode, swam, fenced, wheeled, and could make a fair showing with men at tennis, golf and other physical diversions.

Miss Rodney was an admirable exponent of the benefit of air, exercise and freedom for her sex. Her walk was springy and graceful, and she carried herself as straight as a soldier. It was a source of immense solace to her in all the phases of her physical well being to feel her every muscle firm and strong and to know that her flesh, her heart and her lungs were in the best possible condition.

Mrs. Rodney was a widow with little money, two daughters to marry off and a mind given to the things of this world. When her husband had left her impoverished, the sense of blood ties and family duty had induced her brother, Josiah Gardner, to take charge of her and her daughters. But he had this unpleasant fashion of complaining about money matters. Mrs. Rodney's one argument in defense of their expenses was the need of getting the girls well married. This meant marrying them to rich men and good social position—men men, anyhow, for Mrs. Rodney was convinced that money was enough of an "open sesame" for New York society at all events. If a man had not the blood or manners of a thorough gentleman, a skillful wife who was a lady could pilot him through the shoals all right. Most American husbands, except the few who are young society men, do not figure very prominently in the social phases of their families. They generally have the air of being casual and bored assistants at functions of this kind, and not much is expected of them except to pay the bills.

Miss Rodney was rather a restive filly and gave her worthy mother man; an occasion for fretful dissatisfaction. She had a will of her own, and her tastes, as has been said, were for athletic pastimes and not for society, though she was fond of dancing and handsome gowns. She did not show that keen desire for bagging some eligible man which her mother would have liked. Mrs. Rodney had not infrequently complained of this in her eldest daughter.

"I should think you would want to get married and settled and not have to feel that your uncle is breaking his heart over every penny he puts out for what he thinks is an extravagant living. You know, I am doing all I can." Miss Rodney would try to keep her temper over maternal nagging of this kind and generally succeeded by declining to argue the point. She was content to go her way, and go her way she did. In justice to Mrs. Rodney it must be admitted that she gave only what entertainments she felt she could not escape and keep in the swim at all. She had to keep there, for the sort of men whom she wished the girls to marry were there, and there must be opportunity for them to meet such men. Uncle Gardner was not quite as mean as he appeared to be. They generally got what they wanted. He simply made the matter more pleasant for himself by growling over things and rendering the women unhappy.

He had gone away for the night of the dance and had not been expected to return until the second day after it, so as to allow the house and the inmates time to get back to the normal. But he had got disgusted with something at the hotel and came home the next day, full of a fault finding disposition. The women groaned in spirit at this unexpected advent of the head of the family. Rose, the younger daughter, was perfectly in accord with her mother's views and helped her in her aims as far as she could. Her uncle she humored and cajoled as well as a pretty but not very clever girl could humor and cajole a keen, cranky old man. Mrs. Rodney felt that it was a little unfortunate that the characters of her two daughters were not reversed. Miss Rodney ought to be disposed first in the matrimonial market, as she was the elder. If she were as compliant as Rose, this consummation would not be so hard a one to effect. But Florence Rodney was nice to the men that she liked rather than to those whom it was her policy to attract. Her sturdy independent American spirit recoiled from deliberate efforts in this direction. She was determined that she wouldn't marry anybody unless she both liked and respected him, and she wouldn't try to bring any man she could not feel

toward in this way to the point of proposing needlessly.

Uncle Gardner's fine, crusty spirit was in great form this morning after the dance. With the pleasant sense that he was away from the household had indulged in a much later breakfast hour than they could when he was at home. He liked to breakfast at 8, and insisted on having his family present at the meal. After being up late the night before this was not always a comforting thing to do for the women folk.

"What's the object of having luncheon at this hour of the day?" he inquired in his dry, caustic manner.

Mrs. Rodney understood perfectly that the old gentleman knew it was breakfast, but she said submissively: "Why, I thought the girls would be tired, and so I had breakfast a little later this morning. I did not expect you would be back so soon, Josiah."

"What! Breakfast? At 11 o'clock?" he asked, with the most exaggerated astonishment. "I suppose we'll have dinner at half past 9."

Mrs. Rodney fell back on silence, since her brother had put this as a supposition and not as a question. At this moment Miss Rodney came in with a bicycle costume on. Mr. Gardner, who affected to have a great regard for the proprieties of women's dress, was roused anew by the sight of his niece's leggings and trim brown derby. It was certainly a mannish sort of costume, but it was not violently so. Miss Rodney looked exceedingly well in it and thoroughly womanly.

"Going out to ride your wheel, my dear?" he inquired venomously. "How energetic the young women are nowadays! Kicking up your heels till 2 or 3 o'clock, breakfast about the time we used to have dinner at home, Sally, and then off for a ten mile whirl astraddle a wheel! It's a wonder how you old fashioned girls ever grew up and got your natural strength, Sally."

Mrs. Rodney was an easy mark for the old gentleman because he knew so well how to prick her. He felt that the allusion to the primitive style of their early life would be distasteful, and Mrs. Rodney, who was fond of a languid, dignified pose, always winced when he called her Sally. He gave such a common sound to the name!

"Well, I'm going up stairs until things are set to rights," he continued. "I hope there won't be a string of bills coming in today."

The old man shuffled off, delaying to look here and there for one object or another simply because he knew they would feel relieved when he was gone. Finally he went snorting up the stairs.

"What a pity you came in with your bicycle suit on, Florence!" said Mrs. Rodney peevishly. "Your uncle seems to have such an objection to it."

"It might as well be an objection to that as to something else, mamma."



"Well, I am going up stairs until things are set to rights," he continued.

returned the young woman curtly. "This is his morning for objections. He has let us have the dance and now we'll have to let him have his growl. He is always feeling particularly nasty when he calls you 'Sally' in that way."

Miss Rodney had not been gone long when the mail arrived. There was a stout English letter for Mrs. Rodney, in an envelope with the name of some London solicitors on it. She opened it and almost gasped as she mastered its contents. They were enough to astonish a less impressionable woman than Mrs. Rodney. The solicitors said that they had been instructed by the Countess of Carrington to send the enclosed letter upon her decease. In compliance with this request they did so. The contents of the letter two days ago. The contents of the letter from her had been imparted to them by her ladyship. Their London address and cable name were indicated in the letter head, should Mrs. Rodney or her daughter wish to communicate with them.

To understand Mrs. Rodney's feelings in this matter a few words of explanation are necessary. The Countess of Carrington was Mrs. Rodney's sister. She had been twice married, once to an American who died and left her wealth, and the second time to an Englishman, the Earl of Carrington, who had died and left her a title. The lady who had quarrelled such treasure from

two husbands' graves employed the money and the title to make life as enjoyable as possible to a hard, selfish and ambitious woman. The feeling between the two sisters had become so strained as to result in perfect estrangement. Mrs. Rodney derived no other advantage from her rich relative than an occasional allusion to "my sister, the Countess of Carrington," where she thought such allusion was profitable. What she read in her sister's letter was therefore all the more astonishing.

The Countess, without any great warmth, set forth that she was ill and her doctors had advised her to attend to any testamentary dispositions she might wish to make as a matter of prudence. With thought of what was due to her own position and title and also of what would be right toward her own kin, she had devised the bulk of her fortune to her niece, Florence, on condition that within a year after the decedent's death she should marry the Earl of Carrington, the eldest son of her deceased husband. If the year elapsed without such marriage having taken place, the property was to go to the Earl of Carrington, who would add the name of Gardner to those which he had. If her niece, Florence, married the Earl, money and investments that would yield an income of \$10,000 a year were to be set aside and Mrs. Rodney would enjoy this income for her natural life. On her death they were to go absolutely to Miss Rose Rodney or her heirs. The Countess of Carrington hoped in this way that her duty toward her own family and toward that of her husband, and, incidentally, to herself, would be performed in a manner suitable and advantageous to all concerned.

In the event of the Earl of Carrington declining such union, the fortune of the testatrix was to go entirely to her niece, Florence Rodney.

Mrs. Rodney was in a feverish glow by the time she had grasped the purport of this sisterly letter. It was so evident that the Countess of Carrington was striving to perpetuate her own tough personality as far as possible for her condition when she became a disembodied lady of title that the benefit which would accrue to the Rodneys did not stir any very sisterly gratitude in Mrs. Rodney. But the benefit was obvious. She would be the mother of a Countess, she would have an income of \$10,000 and Rose would have a pretty prospect for a girl as attractive as herself. Mrs. Rodney's wild fancy set her at once to murmuring such phrases in her small mind as "My daughter, the Countess of Carrington, I expect to come over this summer." She even went so far as to picture herself as the grandmother of little Lord This and little Lady That. It was intoxicating reverie. But as the young Arabian gentleman as yet the splendid fortune he had won, in his mind's eye, from the sale of his glassware by kicking the glass to smithereens in an imperious moment of opulent disdain, so Mrs. Rodney's large balloon of pride was pricked when the thought arose that all this glory was contingent on her daughter's consent to the proposed marriage. That she would not be too docile in the matter she had a sure premonition. But since the astute old Countess had made the peace and comfort and respectability of herself and Rose dependent on the decision of Florence, there was hope she might be "reasonable."

Florence was not a sentimental girl and was clear headed enough. Even Mrs. Rodney could not charge her eldest daughter with selfishness. Here was room for heroic self sacrifice.

When her daughter returned from a good spin on her wheel, Mrs. Rodney had had time to think it out. After luncheon she said impressively: "I have received a letter which will surprise you all. The Countess of Carrington is dead!"

The family received the news with different degrees of calm. Rose, as the youngest, was the most impressed. Miss Rodney was not impressed at all and Uncle Josiah only gave a grunt. "Awful blow to lose our titled relative!" he sneered. "So sudden and such a warm hearted woman!"

"Josiah, we must not forget that she was our sister," said Mrs. Rodney, with an air of propriety.

"It's only due to good memories that we know it," observed the old man brusquely.

"She may have been a little worldly and certainly did not show much thought of us," assented Mrs. Rodney. "But she has done very well by us in her will."

Uncle Josiah looked up incredulously. It irritated the old man to see Mrs. Rodney swelling with the importance of something to communicate, especially when he was keen to know it.

"Umph! What has she done?" "She has left her money to Florence, and an income for life to me," replied his sister.

Miss Rodney did look somewhat moved at this. It meant freedom and living her own life. Despite herself, she beamed joyously.

"Rose and I are disinherited, are we?" chuckled Uncle Josiah sarcastically.

"I suppose she knew I would look after Rose, and probably she felt that her sister would be in a position to be of great help to her," said Mrs. Rodney diplomatically.

"When do we get it, mamma?" asked Miss Rodney, with flat directness.

Poor Mrs. Rodney's heart failed her at what she had to say. But it must be said and now was as good a time as any, when her daughter seemed pleased at the prospect of such independent means. Josiah Gardner looked at her with his sharp, twinkling brown eyes. He was a well preserved man for his years and took the most active interest in things.

"The Countess," Mrs. Rodney began, with a sigh.

"Oh, bother!" ejaculated Uncle Josiah.

"Josiah!" exclaimed Mrs. Rodney.

with a weak querulousness of accent, turning a little, like the goaded worm. "Have some respect for your sister!"

Which sister was not specified. The old man stuck out his chin and looked impatient. He refrained from saying anything, as he really wanted to know quickly what had been done. He suspected that "the Countess" would have some string tied to her generous disposition of her wealth.

"She makes this conditional on Florence's marrying the present Earl of Carrington within a year," the poor lady said with as little faltering as possible.

Uncle Josiah leaned back and let off a dry, cackling laugh. There was no doubt about the real merriment in it, however.

"Is that all?" he inquired. "Let me see the letter. That's the quickest way of understanding the thing."

Mrs. Rodney reluctantly passed it over to him. She stole a glance at her daughter's face. Miss Rodney was breathing quickly and did not give a very good imitation of a young lady tickled at a prospective countesship.

Mr. Gardner read the cold, dry, but perfectly lucid letter which laid bare to his mind the purpose and aim of the defunct Countess of Carrington. He hastened cheerfully to impart its import to his niece, watching her all the time with malicious pleasure.

"Matilda has done a fine thing for you," he said volubly. "You get all her money, and all you have to do is to marry an English lord. That isn't hard. The man Matilda married died in a few years, used up in half a dozen miscellaneous ways. This young fellow, I understand, is a far more brilliant blackguard than his father and is a first

rate candidate for a hospital already. He is up to his neck in debt. So, if you can put up with a job lot of diseased humanity for a few years, he'll go under the sod and you'll be Countess of Carrington forever after. I should think you would jump at it," sneered Uncle Josiah.

"These lawyer chaps were considerate enough to send their cable address. Shall I run out and simply fire a 'Terms accepted' at them, Florence?"

Mrs. Rodney made a weak, hopeless movement of despair. It would be a hard fight for her all alone and her brother so rudely against her.

"Uncle," said Miss Rodney calmly, but with a hot, angry patch of color in her healthy cheek and a glitter in her eye, "there's no need of your being any more disagreeable than necessary. I admit the prospect of escaping from my life here and escaping from you makes this atrocious proposition have a force that nothing else could lend it. The Earl of Carrington can't be much more of a trial than you," she added hotly.

"That's the sensible way to look at it, my dear," returned Uncle Josiah, with brisk and untruffled cheerfulness. "But Matilda didn't know you well. Matilda was a business woman at least. It was so like her to leave her money to Carrington and at the same time rope in you as a beneficiary, thus seeming to have a regard for her own family. I don't know why she should have cared about that," he went on, disregarding apparently Miss Rodney's beautifully undignified look of disgust.

"She never minded us while she was alive. But people funk so when they are going to die," he observed philosophically. "However, as I was observing, Matilda foolishly thought that you were a degenerated niece and might balk at the prospect of marrying a bag of disease and thousands of pounds of debt. So she ties up your mother's and your sister's good fortune with your consent. Marry this titled blackguard, and your mother and sister will be independent and comfortable for life. They won't have to live with him, you know. So there is no reason why they shouldn't be happy."

"Josiah," cried Mrs. Rodney, "this is brutal. I cannot endure it. If you continue like that, I shall have to leave the room."

"There's no reason why you should not, my dear," he replied cheerfully. "You can cry and plead with Florence later on."

"Don't be silly, mamma," said Miss Rodney prosaically. "Uncle Josiah is

putting it as badly as he can, but even he cannot do more than justice to this vile, miserable scheme of my aunt. I am thankful to you for letting mamma see the thing just as it is," she said to her uncle.

"Oh, don't mention it," said the old cynic. "It is a pleasure to help you out in this trying moment. I can see you with the coronet of a Countess stuck on top of your head. They wear coronets, don't they?"

"But you will note our dear Matilda's forethought," he went on. "I am almost proud of her. You might kick over all this debt and disease. So she bribes you with your mother's and sister's happiness. Why she should have thought that Carrington would possibly talk at bestowing his distinguished self on you I don't see, unless she knew that his favorite type of woman was the chorus girl. If he refuses, you get it all. But he won't refuse, I promise you. You refuse, and he gets it. And if he gets it, he has got to tack the name of Gardner on to his own. Oh, Matilda was a corker for family pride. The idea of perpetuating the family name in that way! Hitching it on to an earl's title! It was great. Why couldn't you, if you accept him and become the mother of a little earl to be, name him Josiah, after me? That is a new name in the British nobility. It would probably be the only strong, healthy thing about the poor little chap. He would surely be scrupulous as a filial compliment to his papa."

"This is a little disgusting," said Miss Rodney, looking at her venomous old uncle in a way that even he felt. "I decline to hear any more on the subject. You have really in your coarse freedom of language expressed the plain truth. I have never so agreed with you in my life. I simply refuse, without the need of another moment's deliberation, my aunt's infamous proposition. The only thing that can palliate her daring to make it is that she did the same thing herself. And she, heaven save the mark, was an American girl! Don't let the subject be mentioned in my hearing again."

"But, Florence," remonstrated her mother in an injured way, "don't be rash. There is no need of any hasty conclusion. You are taking all that your uncle says about this young man as true. He may be a very nice young fellow."

"Mamma!" said Miss Rodney explosively. "As if the vileness of the Earl of Carrington was not known to everybody who reads even the American newspapers only! I have heard of him again and again. Even the decent men in his own set despise him and cut him. It is hard that when this wretched woman could have done her duty by us she should have left so degrading a proof of her utter hard heartedness and unwomanly feeling. Why, mother," exclaimed the girl, wrought up by the melancholy dissent that was visible on Mrs. Rodney's face, "you would not have me degrade my womanhood beyond all self respect if you were to have millions by it. That is what this course would be. I want independence as much as any one living, but I will not forfeit one bit of my self respect to secure it. I would work as a shopgirl sooner than marry this Earl of Carrington, and I hate my aunt for insulting American womanhood in this way. You know me enough to feel sure that when I say this is my last word on the subject it is useless to think of it any more."

"Bravo!" said Uncle Josiah. "You are a credit to the family. I approve of your sentiments. Don't mind your mother. I shan't live forever, and then you'll all be independent. I am no Aunt Matilda, Countess of Carrington."

"No; you couldn't be quite as bad as she, I admit," said his niece, with refreshing candor.

Uncle Josiah sniffed at this. Mrs. Rodney heaved a sigh, as if her lot was a particularly undesirable one, and Rose looked a little like a wilting La France rose. But they all felt that Florence would be as good as her word.

At this moment the servant entered with a card. Mrs. Rodney picked it from the tray with the air of a Niobe gathering a further harvest of tears.

"Rev. Arthur Kimball," she observed despairingly. "I did not know he was back from Europe. We must see him, I suppose. You can show him in, Williams."

"This is a very appropriate time for a person to call, when a family is prostrated with grief over the loss of a near relative of fortune and of title," said Uncle Josiah, with placid sarcasm.

Rev. Arthur Kimball was a fashionable pastor, whom Mrs. Rodney respected as such. He was this somewhat despite himself, for he was not a half bad sort. His favorite way of spending his vacation was to go to Switzerland and climb the most inaccessible mountains there. He had just returned from one of these athletic outings. Between him and Miss Rodney there was a warm bond of sympathy, based on their devotion to physical development.

After some preliminary small talk and inquiry about friends Miss Rodney said:

"Well, what Alp have you conquered this year, Dr. Kimball? I suppose you will soon be driven to the Himalayas for your vacation. Switzerland will be

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sucked orange."

"After this summer I almost feel as if it were," replied the clergyman cheerfully. "I did the Matterhorn this year. It still has the credit of being something fit for a climber to vaquish. Of course the old time glamour of its sharp crest when the guides themselves used to wag their heads and tell weird tales about the unseen horrors that cling to its top is done away with. Too many have shinned up this slippery needle of the Alps. But it is tug enough still to be something to boast of. As an Englishman, a member of the Alpine club, said to me this summer: 'Mont Blanc is inglorious today. Little boys and girls take a promenade to its top as kindergarten play at mountain climbing. But it must have been a glorious moment for Whymper when he planted the first pair of human feet on the virgin peak of the Matterhorn! The trip must have been a melancholy memory, however, for the vanquished spirit of that hitherto unscaled eryie seemed to wreak revenge on this intrusion of man. You know four of the party were lost on that first ascent. Whymper was the only one of the climbers, except two of the guides, who retraced his steps after the victorious climb. I am happy to state that one of this first party to reach the top was, like myself, a clergyman.'"

"And is it really so difficult?" asked Miss Rodney eagerly.

[To be continued.]

OBITUARY NOTICES.

WILLIAM CULLER.

William Culler, son of Adam and Mary Ann Culler, was born in Tuscarawas township, Stark county, O., May 6, 1837, and died May 22, 1900, aged 63 years and 16 days. He attained his majority in the parental home, when he engaged with Robert M. Wilhelm as a farm laborer, where he formed the acquaintance of Miss Elizabeth Fribley, to whom he was joined in marriage February 3, 1859. This union was blessed with six children, Mary, Adam, Charles H., Hester A., Abraham (deceased), and William C. Jr. His companion preceded him in death, departing this life March 11, 1891, and son Abraham, March 18, 1879. He was converted and joined the United Brethren church about the year 1870, in whose fellowship he continued faithfully until removed from his church privilege by undue distance. He, notwithstanding, continued to be interested in the work of the kingdom of Jesus, and increasingly so near the end of his life. He served as a volunteer in the United States service during the last six months of engagements in the civil war. He was a man of unquestioned veracity and fidelity in friendship, of peaceful, quiet disposition, had an avowed favor with all who knew him. He leaves two brothers and two sisters, three sons and two daughters with a large circle of friends to mourn their loss in his unexpected and sudden departure. We bow meekly in submission to the divine behest, saying farewell, brother, father and friend.

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W. S. Musser, Mulheim, Pa., saved the life of his little girl by giving her One Minute Cough Cure when she was dying from croup. It is the only harmless remedy that gives immediate results. It quickly cures coughs, colds, bronchitis, grippe, asthma and all throat and lung troubles. Rider & Snyder and Chas. W. Cupples, 139 West Tremont street.

Every family should have its household medicine chest, and the first bottle in it should be Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup, nature's remedy for coughs and colds.

Tax Notice.

The tax collector will be at the mayor's office, in Massillon, on June 1, 2, 12 and 13, 1900, from 8 a. m. to 3 p. m., for the purpose of receiving taxes for Perry and Tuscarawas townships and Massillon city.

T. H. SMITH, Treasurer.

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Notice to Contractors.

Sealed proposals will be received up to 12 o'clock noon, June 16, 1900, for furnishing the material and performing the labor required in the erection and completion of a two-story, four-roomed brick school building in the town of West Brookfield, O., in accordance with plans, drawings and specifications on file at the office of H. C. Baer, Massillon, O.

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LOCAL HAPPENINGS.

Discovered this Week by Independent Investigators.

Sebastian Hamel is ill at his home in State street.

Miss Katie Weible is visiting friends in New Philadelphia.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Grafton Gaddis, of West Brookfield, a son.

The Rev. J. I. Wilson will deliver an address at St. Clairsville on Memorial day.

Mr. and Mrs. William Schuler and son, of Cleveland, are the guests of Mrs. Schuler's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gribble.

The annual reunion of the Bachtel family will be held at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Bachtel, near Uniontown, on June 2.

John A. Fairless, of St. Charles, Mich., a former resident of this city, is the guest of his aunt, Mrs. Jos. Emerson, in West Main street.

A reunion of the descendants of Jacob and Daniel Braucher will be held at the home of E. J. Sprankle, near Crystal Spring, on Thursday, June 14.

The Canton-Massillon Electric railway company has secured a large open car for the inter-urban division, which is to replace the one destroyed by fire on Christmas.

Homer Young, of North Lawrence, has passed an examination before the state board of pharmacy, at Columbus, and been granted a certificate as assistant pharmacist.

The commencement exercises of the Louisville high school were held on Friday evening, the graduating class numbering ten. An address was delivered by the Rev. C. M. Roberts, of this city.

The ladies of the Christian church will hold an ice cream and strawberry festival on May 30 for the benefit of the church. The refreshments will be served in the room in the opera house block recently vacated by Z. T. Baltzy.

The village of Creston, in Wayne county, narrowly escaped destruction by fire early Wednesday morning. Property was damaged to the amount of \$8,000 before the fire was subdued by the bucket brigade. The village has no fire apparatus.

Young lady friends of Miss Cora Edwards surprised her at the home of her sister, Mrs. Charles A. Rudy, at 79 Park street, Friday evening. The party was pleasantly entertained with phonographic selections and instrumental and vocal music.

The East Greenville lodge of Foresters will hold its annual picnic on the second Saturday in August. John Boyd, William Morgan, James Chrichton, Robert Legg, Ernest Davis, John Richards, William Aston, Thomas Bynon and Henry Royer are the committee on arrangements.

Elmer E. Miller, of Canton, has been appointed deputy inspector of stationary engineers for the Fifth district, which embraces the counties of Stark, Trumbull, Portage, Summit, Mahoning, Columbiana, Wayne, Ashland, Knox, Tuscarawas, Carroll, Jefferson, Harrison, Holmes and Richland.

Immediately after their marriage by the Rev. L. H. Berry, on Thursday evening, Mr. and Mrs. Richard James were driven to the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Susan Moseman, 33 Water street, where a supper, at which immediate relatives of the bridal party were present, was served. Mr. James is a member of the city force of mail carriers.

Miss Gwendolin Benedict, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Benedict, was thrown from her wheel on Thursday evening by striking a projecting stone at a street crossing, with such force that it was thought at first that internal injuries had been sustained. Examination by Dr. Culbertson showed that the injuries were confined to the left wrist, which was fractured, and to painful bruises.

A musical and literary programme was rendered at the celebration given by the Loyal Council, Daughters of America, in honor of the sixth anniversary of its organization, in the hall of the Junior Order of American Mechanics, on Thursday evening. An address on the aims and objects of the order was delivered by the Hon. R. A. Pollock, of North Lawrence. Dancing began at 9 o'clock. A cake-walk was engaged in by the young people. The prize was awarded to Misses Rhea Genet and Jessie Hall.

The warning recently given employees of the Pennsylvania Company by the head officials regarding the liquor habit, seems not to have been idle talk. Several railroad men have lately been let go from the company's employ on account of tippling, and others given a second chance. J. O. Brown, one of the veteran engineers of the road, was discharged the other day. He was seen entering a liquor store and upon coming out was met by an official, who gave the old employee his time and told him his services were no longer needed.—Alliance Review.

City Solicitor Young says that before the council can decide to make the suggested extensive improvements in the fire department the matter must first be submitted to the people, a two-thirds vote being necessary to make such improvements legal. Mr. Young states that this must be done because it involves an expenditure of more money than is now in the fund for that purpose, necessitating a bond issue. It is thought by certain councilmen that \$10,000 will be needed to carry out the plans now being prepared.

Chippewa Lake.

Picnic and pleasure resort on the Cleveland, Lorain & Wheeling Ry. will be open for special parties on and after May 30th, 1900. Ask agents C. L. & W. for rates.

THE OFFICIAL PROGRAMME.

Messrs. Ellis, Scharies and Hissong Have Finished Compiling It.

The official programme for Memorial Day, May 30, 1900, will be as follows: Hart Post No. 134, department of Ohio, G. A. R. Daniel Ritter Camp No. 24, Sons of Veterans; Mrs. Maj. McKinley Tent No. 1, Daughters of Veterans; and all ex soldiers, who will participate, will assemble in front of the Post hall at 8 a. m.

The Massillon Military band will head the procession, and the column will proceed to St. Mary's Catholic cemetery and decorate the graves of comrades buried there. The pupils of St. Mary's school will sing patriotic songs, and the Rev. H. V. Kaempfer will deliver a short address.

After the exercises at St. Mary's, the column will take the street car to St. Joseph's English Catholic cemetery, where comrades' graves will be decorated. The school of that church will recite and sing, and the Rev. Mr. Kuebler will make an address.

The line will then move to the public cemetery, where decorations and the usual services of the Post will be carried out, and the column will then be dismissed until 2 p. m.

The afternoon parade will be under the direction of Chief Marshal Jacob Wise and the following aides: J. C. F. Putman, William B. Martin, W. E. N. Hemperly, Harry C. Foltz and Justin White.

The column will be formed in the following order: City police in full dress, City Military band, Colonel Joseph Winman and staff of the Knights of St. John, visiting Knights of St. John, Millport band, G. A. R., Spanish American soldiers, Sons of Veterans, and other societies in the order they report to the chief marshal.

The line of march will be as follows: Form on South Erie and move south to Tremont, east to East, north to Main, east to Prospect, north to North, east to High, south to Main, west to West, then countermarch to Erie, north on Erie to the Armory, where the exercises will be directed by Otto E. Young, president of the day.

The following programme will be rendered at the Armory:

Chorus.....Senior Class High School
Prayer.....Rev. F. H. Simpson
Chorus.....Boys' Chorus Club
Introductory.....

.....Otto E. Young, Pres. of the Day
Address.....Chas. Kriechbaum, Esq.
Chorus.....Choir
Benediction.....Rev. F. H. Simpson

The music will be under the direction of Prof. L. G. Graves, assisted by the boys' and girls' choruses of the senior class of the Massillon high school.

JOHN ELLIS,

PETER SCHARES,

J. G. HISSONG,

Committee of Arrangements.

Comrades are requested to assemble in the hall, in South Erie street, at 2 o'clock Sunday, when cars will be taken for the state hospital, where services will be held at 2:30 o'clock. In the evening the veterans will assemble at the hall at 6:30 o'clock and march in a body to St. Mary's church, where the Rev. H. V. Kaempfer will deliver the Memorial Day sermon. All old soldiers and their friends are invited to this service, which will begin at 7 o'clock.

MEMORIAL DAY PLANS.

Programme for the Celebration at West Brookfield.

Following is West Brookfield's programme for the celebration of Memorial day:

Citizens assemble at Lutheran church at 8 a. m. Song by children of public schools. Prayer by Rev. W. H. Berry. Song.

Form line and march to Catholic cemetery. Decoration of graves.

Song by children of parochial school. Short address by Rev. Henry Boeskin. Song.

Then re-form line and march to public cemetery. Decoration of graves. Song.

Short exercises by school children. Song.

Oration by Rev. W. H. Berry. Song and dismissal.

President of the day, J. D. Miller; marshal of the day, H. M. Minnick; color bearer, John Reineckel. The East Greenville band will furnish music. All citizens are cordially invited to attend.

Memorial sermon on Sunday, May 27, at 7 p. m., by Rev. Henry Boeskin, of St. Barbara's church, to which all are invited.

J. F. GARDNER,

Chairman Committee.

H. M. MINNICK, Secretary.

J. Q. Hood, Justice of the Peace, Crosby, Miss., makes the following statement: "I can certify that One Minute Cough Cure will do all that is claimed for it. My wife could not get her breath and the first dose of it relieved her. It has also benefited my whole family." It acts immediately and cures coughs, colds, croup, grippe, bronchitis, asthma and all throat and lung troubles. Rider & Snyder and Chas. W. Cupples, 139 W. Tremont St.

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HIGH SCHOOL NOTES.

Doings Among the Students of that Classic Institution.

The members of the class of 1900 are now having made a huge pennant of scarlet and cream bunting, which is to be floated through an opening in the high school tower from a twenty-foot pole. The placing of the colors of the senior class on the high school tower is one of the most important events of the year in the institution. The members of this year's class fondly talked of placing their colors on a level with those of '99, which were planted on the acorn that marks the highest peak, the tower being scaled to accomplish the purpose. The school authorities, however, realizing the imminent risk undergone by the young men of that student band, have decreed that hereafter the emblem must be flung from the inside of the tower, which process is accompanied by much less danger. The colors of the class of 1900, which were rehung on the wall, after being torn down by parties who entered the schoolhouse on a certain night, have again disappeared in like manner. The discovery of their absence, however, did not cause the excitement of that of several weeks ago, as the novelty of the matter has worn off considerably.

The members of the A class have prepared a special Memorial Day programme, which is to be rendered on Tuesday afternoon. The members of the B and C grades will meet under the olive branch with their student brethren and will be their guests on this occasion. An invitation is also extended to all ex-soldiers to be present.

Baseball, notwithstanding the inauspicious start that it received, is now fastened with a firm hold on all the lovers of the athletic in the institution. Teams have been organized from the members of each class in the school and inter-class games are of frequent occurrence. One ground on which the high school baseball team bases its hope for victory in its coming meeting with the Canton high school team on June 1, at Mahaffey park, is the inability of the Canton people to couple the ball with the bat. The Massillon boys on the contrary say that they are far from weak with the stick, while in fielding they are prepared to hold their own with the county seat boys, and that if the county high school championship does not remain in this city where it now rests, it will not be due to a half-hearted effort on their part. Stark or Schriener will do the pitching for the Massillon lads, and a large delegation is expected to accompany the team.

MOTHER'S MISTAKE.

Massillon Mothers Make It But with a Little Light There Need Be None.

How carefully mother guards the secrets of her boys and girls. At night as she carefully tucks the bed clothes around them she chides and warns that mother will be angry if they repeat last night's offense, softly saying to herself, it is only a habit but I must break them of it. This is mother's mistake. The children cannot help it and sweet clean dry beds can be the resting place of every child when it is understood that the cause is not a habit but a weakness that can be cured. Active life of the little one tends to weakening the kidneys and weak kidneys means inability to retain the urine. This is a condition not a habit and should have the same prompt attention you would give to the marked symptoms of any disease. One Doan's Kidney Pills taken twice a day and at bed time will strengthen the kidneys of a child and soon there will be no cause to scold for the so-called habit will promptly disappear. Here's a grateful mother that adds her endorsement to our words: Mrs. Wm. McBride, 282 W. Bloom St., Mansfield, Ohio, says: "My little boy when he was eight weeks old, was attacked with rheumatism. He recovered from the immediate effects of it, but ever since he has had weak kidneys. This has given us a great deal of trouble both during the night and the day on account of the inability to retain the urine. It apparently had the effect of making him feel poorly, for his appetite flagged and he did not thrive. We were anxious to get something which might him, so when we noticed more than one account of Doan's Kidney Pills curing such cases we got him a box. We gave him one pill at a time and were very much pleased that he was taking a turn for the better and showed steady improvement. Under the influence of the power of retention came back. We can recommend Doan's Kidney Pills for this distressing weakness in children." Doan's Kidney Pills for sale by all dealers, price 50c. Mailed by Foster-McBarn Co., Buffalo, N. Y., sole agents for the United States. Remember the name Doan's and take no substitutes.

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Science has found that rheumatism is caused by uric acid in the blood. This poison should be excreted by the kidneys. No rheumatism with healthy kidneys. Foley's Kidney Cure makes them well. Rider & Snyder.

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Unable to Work.

Charles Replige, of Atwater, O., was unable to work on account of kidney trouble. After using Foley's Kidney Cure four days he was entirely well. Rider & Snyder.



Achilles was invulnerable in every part of the body save his heel. The myth runs that he was rendered invulnerable by being dipped in the river Styx in infancy, the heel by which he was held being the only part not submerged and therefore retaining its mortal weakness.

Everyone has some weak spot in his physical organism, and that weak spot is the invulnerable attacking point of disease. No man is stronger than that weakest spot in him. We see great robust looking men go down like ninespins, at a touch of disease, and wonder at it. It is simply the wound in the weak spot, the vulnerable heel of Achilles.

It is the office of Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery to build up the weak places, to strengthen the weak organs of the body. It does this on Nature's own plan of nourishment. Proper food properly assimilated makes a weak man strong. But the man is only an aggregation of parts, so that the strong man means strength of all parts, heart, lungs, liver, nerves, etc. "Golden Medical Discovery" puts into Nature's hands the material by which the stomach is strengthened, the blood purified, the nerves nourished, the lungs vitalized. It makes the weak strong and the sick well. It contains no alcohol or other intoxicant.

Mr. R. C. McKnight, of Cades, Williamsburg Co., S. C., writes: "I had been troubled with rheumatism for twelve years, so bad at times I could not scarcely bear it. I was badly crippled. Tried many doctors and two of them gave me up to die. None of them did me much good. The pains in my back, hips and legs (and at times in my head) would nearly kill me. My appetite was very bad. I took five bottles of 'Golden Medical Discovery' and four vials of 'Pelllets,' and to-day my health is good."

TODAY'S MARKETS.

Latest Reports From the Centers of Trade.

The following tables show the fluctuations of stock, as reported by T. E. Drake's exchange:

BANK STATEMENT.
Reserve increased.....\$ 2,267,600
Loans increased.....4,696,600
Specie increased.....1,788,300
Deposits increased.....2,471,300
Circulation increased.....342,500

NEW YORK.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
American Sugar.....	113 1/4	114 1/4	113	113 3/4
American Tobacco.....	92	92 1/4	92	92 1/4
Atchafalpa (Ptd.).....	69 1/2	70 1/4	69 1/2	70 1/4
C. B. & Q.....	126 1/2	128 1/4	126	126 3/4
Federal Steel.....	33 1/4	34 1/4	33 1/4	34 1/4
U. S. Leather (Ptd.).....	68 1/4	69 1/4	68 1/4	69 1/4
Manhattan.....	89 1/4	90 1/4	89 1/4	90 1/4
Missouri Pacific.....	65 1/4	66 1/4	65 1/4	66 1/4
Louisville & Nashville.....	75 1/4	76 1/4	75 1/4	76 1/4
Northern Pacific (Ptd.).....	74 1/4	75 1/4	74 1/4	75 1/4

CHICAGO.

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat.....	66 1/4	67 1/4	66 1/4	66 3/4
July.....	67 1/4	68 1/4	67 1/4	67 3/4
Oct.....	38 1/4	39 1/4	38 1/4	38 3/4
May.....	37 1/4	38 1/4	37 1/4	37 3/4
Oats.....	21 1/4	22 1/4	21 1/4	21 3/4
July.....	21 1/4	22 1/4	21 1/4	21 3/4
Pork.....	11 1/4	12 1/4	11 1/4	11 3/4
July.....	6 3/4	6 9/4	6 3/4	6 8/4

CHICAGO, May 26.—[By Associated Press]—Cattle steady; steers, \$5.10@ \$5.70; hogs weak, \$5.05@ \$5.35.

The Massillon Market.

The following prices are paid by Massillon merchants today:

GRAIN, HAY, STRAW AND WOOL.
Wheat (old).....73
Hay, per ton.....10 00 to 12 00
Straw, per ton.....5 00
Corn.....45-50
Oats.....28-30
Clover Seed.....4 00-4 25
Timothy Seed.....1 25 to 1 30
Rye, per bu.....3 40-50
Barley.....40-48
Flax seed.....1 50
Wool (unwashed, fine).....14-15 1/2
Wool (unwashed, medium).....20-21

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES.

Potatoes, per bushel.....35
Beets, per bushel.....50
Apples.....1 00-1 50
Cabbage, per pound.....03
Evaporated apples.....08 to 10
White beans.....2 00
Onions.....1 00

BUTTER, EGGS AND POULTRY.

Butter.....10-12
Eggs.....07
Chickens, live, per pound.....07
Chickens, dressed.....10
Turkeys, live.....10
Turkeys, dressed.....12

MEATS AND CHEESE.

Ham.....11
Shoulder.....07
Lard.....07
Sides.....08 to 07
Cheese.....12

The following are retail prices:
Bran, per 100 lbs.....90
Middlings, per 100 lbs.....90

Change of Time of Trains Over the Pennsylvania Lines.

Under a new schedule in effect Sunday, May 27, 1900, passenger trains over the Pennsylvania lines leave Massillon station as follows: For the East: 2:12 a. m., 8:05 a. m., 1:14 p. m., 7:50 p. m., 11:32 p. m. For the West: 4:12 a. m., 8:25 a. m., 10:10 a. m., 5:42 p. m., 9:40 p. m. Mail East, 12:29 p. m.; Mail West, 11:15 a. m. All trains daily except the train East at 7:50 p. m. and West at 8:25 a. m. For particular information on the subject apply at the ticket office. J. A. Shoemaker, agent, Massillon, O.

To Heal a Hurt.

Use Banner Salve, the great healer. It's guaranteed for cuts, wounds, sores, piles and all skin diseases. Rider & Snyder.

Nine chances in ten it's your kidneys that need attention if you don't feel well. Foley's Kidney Cure makes healthy kidneys and will make you well. Rider & Snyder.

INDEPENDENT WANT COLUMNS.

Articles lost and found, houses to let or desired, help wanted, situations wanted, real estate bulletins and kindred announcements are more certain to produce results if advertised under this head than by any other means. Copy must be left not later than 10 a. m. to assure insertion the same day. Six publications of not more than 4 printed lines for 25 cents.

WANTED.

BOY—A smart boy of 16 or 18 years of age to tend stand at W. & L. E. depot, James Park.

COOK at the Hotel Massillon.

GIRL for general housework in family of three. For information address box 126.

GIRL—A competent girl for housework in family of three. Wages \$3.00 per week. Call at 818 N. Market St., Canton.

GIRL—To cook and do general housework. Housecleaning done. Apply to Mrs. H. G. Dewese, corner Akron and Cherry streets.

GIRL—Girl for general house work. Inquire 60 Summit St.

HOUSEKEEPER—To take care of three children, ages 6 to 10; an elderly lady preferred. Address "G," care Independent Company.

LADIES—To do light, clean work, at 16 cts per hour, for short time. Address "Work" care this office.

MAN to take care of horses and do general work around house. Mrs. James Molain, 187 E. South street.

FOR RENT.

HOUSE—Four-roomed house. Inquire of Andrew Paul, 112 Cherry street.

MUSIC HALL—Possession given June 1st James E. Dunn over 50 S. Erie St.

ROOM—A furnished pleasant room with all modern improvements, centrally located. Inquire at this office.

STOREROOM in the Beatty block, in East Main street, formerly occupied by the Milleronian. Inquire of H. T. Beatty, agent.

MISCELLANEOUS.

KID Gloves cleaned, 10 cents per pair, men's suits, overcoats and hats; ladies' organdies, silks, satins, ties, ribbon and porcelains all cleaned by dry process; no shrinking, fading or ripping. Mrs. A. M. Grojean, 42 E. Main street. Phone 21.

VAULTS and Cans Packed emptied. Address Chas. Swarms, 38 Warwick street, or leave orders at Fetz-r's blacksmith shop.

MONEY.

MONEY TO LOAN—\$5.00 and upwards on household goods, horses, wagons, carriages, watches, diamonds, jewelry or any chattel security, and allow the goods to remain in your undisturbed possession; loans made same day you apply. Business strictly confidential. Miller & Miller, room 409, Erie and Tremont streets, Loeffer block. Office hours 9 a. m. to 11:30 a. m. and 1 to 4:30 p. m. on Saturday and Monday evenings.

FOR SALE OR RENT.

HOUSE—The Rev. N. F. Bailey's house, 179 North street, corner of High street. All modern conveniences. Inquire of W. E. N. Hemperly, agent.

CORNET Music Holder, Sunday evening—likely on car that arrived at Massillon about 7 o'clock. Please leave it with Joseph Ess, Mgr.

HAND BAG—Black silk hand bag. Finder please return to The Independent office.

KEYS—A bunch of keys containing 2 Blake telephone transmitter keys and 4 Yale padlock keys and others. A reward will be paid if returned to this office.

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